

Vessel Oil Spill Penalties*



Washington State



USCG – Port State



Oregon State

DISCHARGE Up to \$10,000 per discharge with each day of discharge a separate violation.	DISCHARGE – Administrative Penalties (by the CG) Class 1 penalty – up to \$11,000 per violation to a maximum of \$32,500; Class 2 penalty – up to \$11,000 per day of violation up to a maximum of \$157,500.	DISCHARGE Up to \$10,000 per discharge with each day of discharge a separate violation.
NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE Up to \$100,000 per violation with each day the discharge poses a threat to the environment a separate violation.	DISCHARGE – Civil Penalties (by a federal court) Up to \$32,500 per day of discharge; or \$1,100 per barrel of oil or hazardous substance discharged.	NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE Up to \$20,000 per violation with each day the discharge poses a threat to the environment a separate violation.
RECKLESS OR INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE Up to \$500,000 per violation with each day the discharge poses a threat to the environment a separate violation.	GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT Judicial Assessment - A minimum of \$110,000 and not more than \$3,300 per barrel of oil discharged.	INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE Up to \$20,000 per violation with each day the discharge poses a threat to the environment a separate violation.
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, RULES OR ORDERS Up to \$10,000 per violation with each day of noncompliance a separate violation.	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS – Administrative Penalties Class 1 penalty – up to \$11,000 per violation to a maximum of \$32,500; Class 2 penalty – up to \$11,000 per day of violation up to a maximum of \$157,500.	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, RULES OR ORDERS Up to \$10,000 per violation with each day of noncompliance a separate violation.
FAILURE TO HAVE A STATE APPROVED OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN OR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY Up to \$100,000 per violation with each day of noncompliance a separate violation.	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS – Civil Penalties Up to \$32,500 per day of violation.	* * * INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK * * *
FAILURE TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY WASHINGTON STATE (1-800-258-5990 or 253-912-4904) Up to \$10,000 per violation with each day a separate violation.	FAILURE TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER (1-800-424-8802 or 202-267-2675) Federal crime: upon conviction up to 5 years in prison, and/or a maximum fine of \$250,000 for individuals, or \$500,000 for organizations.	FAILURE TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY OREGON STATE (1-800-452-0311 or 503-378-6377) Up to \$10,000 per violation with each day a separate violation.

* Responsible Party for the spill may also pay costs for response and cleanup, damages to natural resources, state and federal expenses, and third party damages.

In case of an oil spill, contact the following agencies immediately:

WASHINGTON: U.S. Coast Guard 800-424-8802 or 202-267-2675 & Washington Emergency Management Department 800-258-5990 or 253-912-4904 & WSMC (Puget Sound) 206-448-7557

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OREGON: U.S. Coast Guard 800-424-8802 or 202-267-2675 & Oregon Emergency Management 800-452-0311 or 503-378-6377 & MFSA (Columbia River) 503-220-2055

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